Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 30 Apr 2021 until 23:59 on Saturday 01 May 2021

Forecast Issued on Thursday 29 Apr 2021 at 09:58 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for generally showery and cold conditions into and through the weekend. Medium to low for the details, particularly from Monday due to uncertainty on evolution of an Atlantic low that tracks through the UK.

Headline for Friday 30 Apr 2021: Seasonally cold with further showers, heavier in the southwest during the afternoon.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 30 Apr 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers	Light snow showers	Light snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Light snow showers
Precipitation probability							
20%	30%	30%	30%	60%	70%	70%	40%

Forecast for Friday 30 Apr 2021

Weather: Showers continuing, mainly confined to ranges affected by the prevailing northeasterly flow, before becoming more widespread across southern and western areas during the afternoon and early evening. Some of the showers will be heavy, particularly in the afternoon outbreaks in the south and west, bringing a small risk of hail and thunder. Snow level around 400m.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: For any given time ranging from 85% in northeast and 95% plus in southwest, but significantly lower for prolonged spells due to the showery nature of the condition.

Visibility: Generally good or very good, becoming moderate or poor in showers, and virtually nil in hill fog.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	18/21 NE	14/17 NE	14/16 NE	9/13 NE	7/12 N	9/14 N	8/12 N	7/9 NE	9/12 E
900	16/19 NE	12/15 NE	12/15 NE	9/13 NE	7/12 N	9/14 N	9/13 N	7/9 NE	9/12 E
600	9/11 NE	7/9 N	6/9 NE	8/12 NE	7/12 NE	8/13 N	7/11 N	5/8 NE	7/11 E
300	2/13 NE	3/12 NE	3/11 NE	4/11 NE	4/10 NE	8/14 N	6/10 N	4/7 NE	5/9 E
Glen	6/13 NE	6/11 NE	5/10 NE	5/11 NE	6/11 N	8/14 N	9/14 N	5/8 NE	6/9 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-4/-11	-4/-10	-4/-10	-2/-7	-1/-4	-1/-6	-2/-6	-2/-6	-3/-7
900	-3/-10	-3/-9	-3/-9	-2/-6	0/-3	-0/-5	-1/-5	-1/-5	-2/-6
600	-0/-5	-1/-5	-1/-4	1/-2	3/-0	2/-1	2/-1	1/-2	0/-3
300	2/-0	1/-1	2/-0	5/3	6/4	5/3	4/2	3/2	2/0
Glen	4/2	3/0	4/1	8/6	8/7	8/6	7/5	6/4	5/3
Freezing Level*	500m	400m	400m	500m	600m	700m	700m	700m	600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Risk of sunburn also perhaps thunderstorms in southwest for the afternoon. Significant wind chill greatest during the morning.

Forecast for Saturday 01 May 2021
Weather: Sunshine and showers, these isolated through to mid-morning and from mid-evening, but building for a time into the afternoon before dwindling early evening, with some heavier outbreaks again bringing a small risk of thunderstorms. Snow level around 400m.

Maximum wind: Variable 10mph or less.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: For any given time 90%, but significantly lower for prolonged spells due to the showery nature of the airstream, particularly through the afternoon.

Visibility: Generally good or very good, becoming moderate or poor in showers, and virtually nil in hill fog.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2 Celsius increasing 10 Celsius during the afternoon
At 800m: Minus 3 Celsius increasing Zero Celsius for a time
Freezing level: 600m

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